been banned by Government of India with effect from 1.4.1987

Tourism plan to tap gulf market

1718. SHRI K VASUDEVE PANICKER: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up a Rs. 1 crore tourism plan to tap the Gulf market; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 69.50 lakhs under Plan and Rs 11. lakhs under Non-Plan has been allocated for undertaking promotional activities in the West Asia region during 1987-88. This amount will be spent on activities such as advertising in the Arab press, corporate advertising with Air India, press advertising in English and Arabic magazines/dailies, TV advertising, video film advertising, printing of literature in the Arabic language, publication of articles in Arabic and English, extending brochure support to tour operators, participation in trade fairs, travel marts and exhibitions & in organising India Evenings and Seminars, etc.

Seniority lists of staff of the carpet weaving training scheme

1719. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two separate seniority lists for the staff working in the Carpet Weaving Training scheme in Jammu and Kashmir and the rest of the country are maintained by the office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts);

(b) if so whether this in in accordance wih Government rules and regulations; and

(c) if not, what action is proposed to be taken to rectify the position?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Since the inception of the scheme separate cardres have been in existence for reasons of language, administrative convenience, nature of craft and its know-how, remoteness and climatic conditions of locations and the likelihood of getting willing employees.

(c) Does not arise.

Carpet weaving training scheme

1720. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any policy has been laid down for the sale and disposal of trainee products in the Carpet Weaving Training Scheme run by the office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts);

(b) if so, whether this policy has been strictly adhered to during the period from July, 1983 to June, 1986; and

(c) whether any serious irregularities have come to notice in this regard; if so, what action has been taken thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Some complaints have however, been received for which action has been initiated;

Promotion of Tourism in Kerala

1721. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by the Central Government in the recent

(b) what is the Central Government share in the promotion of tourism in Kerala during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) how many 5 Star hotels are there in Kerala at present and whether any new ITDC hotel is coming up in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The Central Ministry of Tourism has released funds for several schemes for promotion of tourism in Kerala. The details of assistance given, year-wise, for the last 3 years are given in the attached Statement (*See* below).

(c) There is one Five Star Hotel in Kerala (Kovalam Beach Resort, Kovalam). ITDC has no plans at this stage to construct another hotel in Kerala.

Statement

Details of schemes taken up, assistance given year-wise for the last three years, to government of Kerala for promotion of Tourism

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of Scheme	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
1984-85		NIL	
1985-86			
1	Construction of wayside amenities at Pallghat	10·28	4·00
2	Construction of wayside amenities with accommodation at Cannore	10·28	4·00
3	Wayside facilities at Kottarakara	10·28	4·00
4	Wayside facilities at Alleppey	10·28	4·00
5	Wayside amenities with accommodation at Wynad	10·28	4·00
6	Provision of boats for Cochin, Kumara Kom Quilon and Thekkady	50·78	25·00
7	Promotion of fairs & festivals	2·81	2·56
1986-87			
1	Forest Lodge at Parambikulam	12·42	6·00
2	Yatri Niwas at Quilon	25·35	8·00
3	Yatri Niwas at Trivandrum	26·43	8·00
4	Trekking equipment to Kerala	3·24	2·92
5	Water Sports equipment for Kovalam	17·31	15·00
6	Assistance for fairs & festivals	..	0·25
7	Wayside facilities at Kottarakara	..	5·00
8	Wayside facilities at Alleppey	..	5·00
9	Wayside facilities at Cannanore	..	·00
10	Beach Resort at Kapad	46·69	8.00

In addition, funds for following schemes have been released during the first quarter of 1987-88;

(Rs.in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
1	Two mini buses at Wynad	5·53	4.70
2	Four mini buses at Parambikulam and Naygar	9.28	8·35
3	Boats in Kerala	190·00	40·00
4	Floodlighting of Trivandrum Museum	14·81	13·33
5	Water sports equipments at Malampuzha	7·82	7·03

Import of Natural Rubber

1722 SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to import natural rubber to arrest the price-rise of the commodity; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The domestic production of natural rubber being inadequate, the gap between demand and supply is met by imports.

Government have so far authorised STC to import 35000 tonnes of natural rubber after a careful assessment of the estimated production and likely consumption.

थानाध्यक्ष, सीमापुरी द्वारा एक सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता के साथ दुर्व्यवहार

1723. श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली पुलिस के थानाध्यक्ष, सीमापुरी के आदेश पर सामाजिक कार्यकर्त्ता श्री शंकर सिंह निवासी 28/171, सै०—1 कस्तूरबा नगर, दिल्ली-110032 को 23 जुलाई, 1987 को अर्ध रात्रि को घर से जबरदस्ती थाने लेजाया गया और वहां उसको जमकर पिटाई की गई ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार थानाध्यक्ष, सीमापुरी के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदाम्बरम्) : (क) और (ख) पूर्वी जिला पुलिस ने घोषित अपराधियों को पकड़ने के लिये एक अभियान चलाया। श्री अवतार सिंह को भी पकड़ा गया था और उसे दिल्ली पुलिस अधिनियम की धारा 65 के तहत जेल में रखा गया। तथापि, तसदीक के बाद उसे छोड़ दिया गया था।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Retirement of workers in MITCO Factories

1724. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the age of the workers of MITCO factories